

**BURIEN BUSINESS AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** June 8, 2007

**Time:** 7-8:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Mary Averett, Rick Cosgrave, Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Jim Hughes, Karen Lautermilch, Mark Minium, Doug Moreland and Jane Voget

**Members Absent:** Harvey Aulger

**Staff:** Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager

**Guests:** Mayor Joan McGilton; Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak; Marco Milanese, Community Relations Manager Port of Seattle; and Stuart Low, local businessman

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened at 7 a.m. by Kevin Fitz, Chair

**Minutes:** The minutes from May 11 were approved as recorded.

**Outreach Speaker: Carol Gregory, BURSST for Prosperity Director; and Diana Dollar, BURSST, Economic Development Manager**

Carol Gregory explained that BURSST stands for Burien, Renton, SeaTac, Skyway and Tukwila and is a 10-year, \$10 million initiative whose mission it is to end or alleviate poverty. BURSST intends to form partnerships with community members, faith leaders, elected officials, local business leaders and educators to mobilize communities to create sustainable, income-generating opportunities. BURSST looks for ways to change financial systems, such as how small business loans are awarded, and how to give access to these resources to low-income individuals.

Ms. Gregory said BURSST for Prosperity has three main goals:

- Build Community Capacity by identifying and developing community assets;
- Remove Barriers to creating wealth by expanding economic opportunities (especially in the area of workforce development) and;
- Overcoming generational poverty through education

Ms Gregory emphasized that BURSST is not a service delivery organization. Rather, it focuses on identifying resources and opportunities for its clients.

Diana Dollar, BURST economic development manager, said one of the organization's main focuses is on small business development. For example, BURSST tries to identify "micro-lending" opportunities to help low income individuals who want to start businesses. It also tries to find help for businesses that are displaced because of redevelopment activities. Another component involves linking employers with specialized workforce employees.

BEDP members had various questions, but focused to some extent on solving language difficulties that so often prevent individuals from succeeding economically.

**Chair's Report – Kevin Fitz**

Kevin reported seeing the testimony of Deputy Mayor Rose Clark and Council Member Gordon Shaw regarding the Lora Lake apartments before the County Committee on Law, Justice and Human Services. He said Rose and Gordon spoke well and noted the discussion by County Council members who called the County's response to the Lora Lake debate "politics on steroids."

Kevin also stated being unhappy about the telephone polling process by which the previous Memorial Day weekend regular meeting had been cancelled, and asked that in the future the members follow more formal procedures and discuss future situations like this at full Partnership meeting.

Bob Ewing said the subcommittee that intended to address the issue of community outreach had not met recently, but that in the meantime Dick Loman was carrying on the initiative.

**City Manager's Report – Mike Martin**

Mike said that most of his time recently had been spent trying to manage the Lora Lake apartment issue. Briefly, the 234-unit is very close to the north end of SeaTac's third runway and is scheduled for demolition to accommodate redevelopment. The King County Housing Authority is actively lobbying to have the apartments remain permanently, while the Port of Seattle and the City of Burien have been remaining with a long-held plan for redevelopment.

Mayor McGilton said the majority of council members believe that residents should not have to live at the end of the runway and that the city had been put in an untenable position.

Council member Krakowiak noted that she was part of the planning process that, years ago, resulted in changing the comprehensive plan in that area in a way that anticipated non-residential uses.

An extensive discussion by the members followed with general support of the council expressed. Some commented that the city needed to go on the offensive to make sure our side was being told to the public and press. Mike Martin assured everyone that was being done on a daily basis.

**Discover Burien Report – Doug Moreland**

Doug reported that the organizational restructuring was well underway with the election of Lynda Iernio as their new president. Lynda is a 30 year resident and is presently manager of the Sterling Savings Bank office here in Burien. Additionally, a possible interim downtown director is under consideration and will be presented to the full Board at the next Discover Burien meeting Wednesday, June 13. In the meantime, the Thursday Farmers Market is up and running in the former Bartell parking lot and plans are underway for the annual Father's Day auto show June 17.

**Round the Table**

Mark Minium thanked staff for providing the list of new Burien businesses for the first quarter of this year.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 a.m.**